

Murfree House
Murfreesboro
Hertford County
North Carolina

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Date of erection: c. 1800

Present condition: Good

Description:

Brick; two stories; low hipped roof; front seven bays, center door, bay lines indicated by brick pilaster strips; lower windows 12/12 lights, upper 8/8. Full doorways at first and second floors with sidelights and arched transoms. Upper door leads to segmental balcony. The three center bays are covered by an Ionic porch, the columns being made of solid cypress timbers with crudely carved capitals. The roof balustrade is probably modern. On the line of the front wall is a center gable.

Additional data:

This house was built by William Murfree, who was the founder of the town. In 1787 he laid off land surrounding his landing as a townsite. There was trade on the Roanoke River both upstream and with Albemarle Sound and foreign communities.

Reference: N. C. Guide, p. 474

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